

## POLICEMAN HILL IS ATTACKED BY NEGROES

Assaulted and Beaten Almost Into Insensibility by Men He Attempts to Arrest.

**BOTH ASSAILANTS ESCAPE**

Injured Officer Is Taken to Virginia Hospital, Where It Is Reported That His Injuries Are Not Serious.

Policeman J. L. Hill of the Second Precinct was assaulted and beaten almost into insensibility by two negroes at St. James and Hill Streets shortly before 1 o'clock this morning. Hill was knocked down and stamped upon by the negroes after having been struck several times about the face and body. The negroes escaped after the assault, and had not been captured at an early hour this morning.

Hill was on his way home, after having been relieved from duty, when he saw a negro for whom he had been searching. He leaped from the car and started for the negro. Hill was successful in catching hold of the man, but almost immediately another negro

came up and grabbed him. The policeman turned to ward off the assailant, when the negro he had caught hold of struck him violently on the law. Hill wrenched his club, but was unsuccessful in downing the negro. Both were raining blows on him when he reached for his pistol. It was not until then that he realized he had a revolver when he ran from the street car.

Fighting desperately with his fist and his club, Hill finally was knocked down by the negro. Both men jumped on his prostrate form and succeeded in bruising and beating him unmercifully before they left. Both of the men then took to their heels and disappeared.

Before the fight was over, some one in the vicinity telephoned the Second Precinct Station that a riot was in progress, and two automobile loads of officers were dispatched with all possible speed to the scene.

Sergeant Whitlock, who is a close親友 of Hill, was the first to arrive. He learned the details of the assault. A dragnet was thrown out over Jackson Ward in an effort to capture the negro.

Hill was rushed to Virginia Hospital in a requisitioned automobile. It was reported there early this morning that he had not been injured seriously and that bruised and battered would suffice most of his injuries. He will be dismissed from the hospital within a few days, it is believed.

### INDICTED, TRIES TO FLEE

Man Charged With Violating Liquor Laws Caught on Way to Train.

STORY to The Times-Dispatch by PETERSBURG, VA., September 16.—Information was received yesterday of the suicide of Miss Minnie Estelle Clayton at the home of her father, W. A. Clayton, at Meadowville, Chesterfield County.

Last evening Clayton went to her room carrying with her a shot gun which she had the barrel of the gun in the mouth and fired. Her head was found near the window. Her body was discovered when the family went into her room after hearing the report of the gun. She was twenty-one years of age and is survived by her father, mother, two sisters and a brother. No reason is assigned for her act.

### MANY BIDS FOR BONDS

National Bank of Danville Makes Highest Offer for City Issue—Teen-Born Bids Were Offered.

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### CHIEF COTTON IS CLEARED

Charges Against Head of Hopewell Police Department Not Proven at Investigation.

STORY to The Times-Dispatch by PETERSBURG, VA., September 16.—The investigation of the charges against Chief of Police J. W. Cotton, well known throughout the state, the vindication of the chief came in the form of a statement made yesterday by the councilman of Hopewell. Present were representatives of good dealers in New York, Pittsburg and Birmingham.

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